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Today we are reminded of God's providence. We live in a world that feeds us and shelters us and supplies us with everything that we need to grow and to thrive, and all of this comes to us from the hand of God. It is usually when we are in desperate straits that we become painfully conscious of our dependence on God, but this dependence is always there. God does not merely intervene when we are helpless; God's providence operates in our lives at all times.

Living in a society that promotes individualism, we sometimes undervalue the communal dimension of life. God certainly cares passionately for each of us (not even a sparrow falls without God knowing it), but God's concern is for the whole people. We are first and foremost members of a people. We would never have seen the light of day, we would not endure or develop, without others. As unique as we may be, we are a unique expression of a communal reality. God created a race; God formed a people; Jesus died for the world. By the grace of God, we belong to the community.

As members of the people of God, we are called to a way of life that is noble, not selfish. We are to live with each other in humility and gentleness, with patience. We are to bear with one another in love. Through baptism we all live by the same Spirit of Jesus; we are all united through the bond of God's love. The bread that we receive from the hand of God is the bread of full life, life in all its dimensions, life in Christ.

Dianne Bergant



Saints and Feasts:

Mon- Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Tues- Bld Solanus Casey

Wed- St Ignatius of Loyola

Thu- St Alphonsus Liguori

Fri- St Eusebius of Vercelli

Sat- St Peter Julian Eymard

Pray for the Sick:

Please remember and pray those who are sick: Kristen Pickford, Peter Karlsen, and Brian Wain. (the names here will only appear for a month unless by notice)

Anniversaries: We pray for those

who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Noel Russell, Maureen Gatens, Thomas Darcy, Rupert Gstrein, Norman Meagher, Mark Cecchini, Thomas Lourey, Donald Place, Margaret Agnes Harrison (The names won't appear automatically unless by notice)

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 6.30pm -Cobden

Sunday: 9am 1st Sun.- Simpson (except winter, then Timboon)

9am 2nd/4th Sun. Lismore

9am 3rd/5th Sun. Timboon (Lay-led assembly will be held on the other weekends)

Sun: 11am Camperdown

Next Weekend Masses:

Saturday 6.30 pm – Cobden

Sunday 900 am Timboon

11.00 am Camperdown

(Lay Assembly – Lismore)

Readings for next Sunday

1st Reading: Exodus 16:2-4,

12-15. **2nd Reading:**

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24.

Gospel: John 6:24-35

Please consider making your Planned Giving contributions and Sunday collections via bank transfers. This will help running the parish which still needs to cover its costs while the current situation continues.

Parish bank details: BSB: 083-561 Acct No: 51-571-8126 (Envelopes). **Presbytery:** BSB: 083-561 Acct No: 51-571-8142. Thank you.

Parish Notices

All notices need to be delivered in writing, emailed, or phoned into the Parish Office by noon Thursday.

George Swierczek: 0439 145 805

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year – B. 28/07/2024

"Our Parish Community wishes to respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we live, work and worship Our God."

Sea Sunday: July 21 & 28, 2024



This week we celebrate Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy. The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To assist this Catholic ministry, please send your donations

to: <https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>

Formation in preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024

In preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024, there will be formation sessions held around the diocese with a focus on leadership and governance. There is a flyer attached that you could display in your parish or add to your bulletin. The flyer is also available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/150th-anniversary-of-the-diocese-of-ballarat/>

Fourth World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly - Sunday, July 28, 2024: Resources are available from the diocesan website for the celebration of the Fourth World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, to be held on Sunday, July 28, 2024 <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly-sunday-july-28-2024/>. Included in the resources on the website are Pope Francis' message, a resource kit and a copy of the prayer.

Prayer for the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly July 28, 2024

*Lord, faithful God, You who created us in Your image,
You who never leaves us alone and who accompanies us through every season of life,
Do not abandon us, take care of us, and grant us, once again,
The ability to discover ourselves and recognise that we are Your children.*

*Renew our hearts with your Word
And do not allow anyone to be cast aside.
May your Spirit of love fill us with Your tenderness
And teach us to say:
"I will not abandon you!"
To those we meet on our journey.*

*With the help of your beloved Son, may we not lose the taste for fraternity
And may we not conform to the sadness of loneliness.
Help us to look to the future with renewed hope,
And make the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
a day without loneliness, and a day abundant with the first-fruits of Your peace.*



Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours

Have you been considering whether an overseas professional placement with Palms is for you? Wanting to share your skills with communities in the Pacific, Asia or Africa to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty?

Join our Palms' [Discovery Webinar](#) online on Thursday 15 August. Meet Carolyn, currently in Timor Leste, and former Palms participants to find out more about [Assignments Aboard](#).

Venue: Online via Zoom- register at palms.org.au/event/discovery-online/

Date: Thursday 15th August 2024 **Time:** 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm AEST
02 9560 5333 palms@palms.org.au



We are a Child-safe, Welcoming and environmentally friendly Parish

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading 2 Kings 4:42-44

A reading from the second book of the Kings

They will eat and have some left over.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. (R.)
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation: (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*) Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:1-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.'

One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The disciples fell into the verbal trap which Jesus set. They believed that market forces should dictate how the hunger of the crowd could be satisfied. It was a young lad who put the disciples to shame, simply handing over five barley loaves and two fish to Jesus. It was because of his generosity that Divine generosity was able to feed the crowd.

Divine desire to satisfy the hungers of humanity for the various necessities of life (food, shelter, companionship, education, medicines) require human generosity. Otherwise, Divine Compassion cannot be effective in the world.

Voluntary renunciation of property and sharing of wealth still occurs in the little oases of monasteries and convents, echoes of the radical redistribution of wealth recorded in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 4:32-35). St Luke makes it clear that this was essentially linked to the Apostles' testifying to the Resurrection 'with great power'.

Francis of Assisi and now Francis of Buenos Aires remind us that the Church itself needs to engage in the redistribution of its wealth to enable the hungers of humanity to be satisfied. This will give authenticity to its preaching of the Gospel, and enable its evangelising to be undertaken 'with great power'.

We could take a moment to pray that we become more like the little boy in the Gospel, more like Francis of Assisi, more like Francis of Buenos Aires, voluntarily sharing our wealth to satisfy the hungers of humanity.

28 July-2024 17th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	St Pats	St Pats	St Pats
11am: Camperdown	St Pats	St Pats	St Pats
Counting Team: A & N Powling	Altar Camperdown: M Russell A Gardner		
Church Cleaning: MRC	Altar Cobden: K Daffy		
Marian Statue: F & C Conheady			

4 August-2024 18th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	K Daffy	P Dwyer	J Dwyer
11am: Camperdown	S Grinter	R Henry	S Gillett
Counting Team: A & N Powling	Altar Camperdown: C McCarthy		
Church Cleaning: S Grinter	Altar Cobden: M Walsh		
Marian Statue: H & J Seuren			

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We, the Parish community wish to pledge ourselves for our children's safety and well-being